

REMARKS

Claims 4-11 remain in this application. Claims 1-3 have been previously canceled.

The Examiner rejects claims 4-11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 112 second paragraph because of the limitation "with reduced toxicity". This phrase has been deleted from the claims 4 and 5. This rejection should be considered moot.

Claims 6 and 7 should be allowable because of the amendments to claims 4 and 5.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wooley et al. and other references.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous and helpful interview granted to their representative. The claim amendments are believed to reflect the limitations indicated by the Examiner which would overcome all of the prior art rejections. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections in respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 801-2146. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at ecr@gtlaw.com.

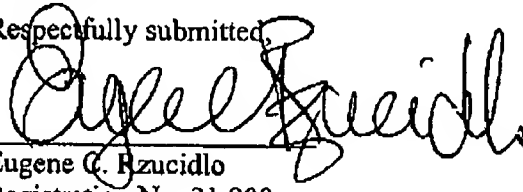
No additional fee is believed to be necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1561.

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Respectfully submitted,

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